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With a Relation how they were Discovered, and Five of them Apprehended in *Shoe-Lane* on the *Tuesday* night following: Their Commitment to *Newgate*, where now they remain, &c.

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The Great Robbery in Hatton-Garden, &c.

FOR some time (considering the season of the year) the Town has been pretty free from Attempts of Burglary and Robbery, which may in great measure be ascribed to the numerous Guards and diligent Watch kept in all places, thereby preventing them of any opportunities to put their mischievous Villanies in practice; yet still their intentions (no doubt) were as bad as ever, and a considerable Gang had it seems been Clubbing their Pates for some new Stratagems to carry on their Trade; (forso those Vermines call Stealing and Robbing innocent and more industrious people) as appears by the following Attempt, of which the notable Circumstances oblige us to give a true Account for publick satisfaction, though not

in the least intending to prejudice the Criminal before their lawful Tryal, nor forestal the Evidence as to particulars, but only to relate matter of Fact in general, being thus:

On Sunday the 29th of December, about Eight of the Clock in the Evening, several persons Arm'd came to the House of a Gentleman of considerable Fortune and Quality in Hatton-Garden, and knocking, pretended they had an Order from Authority to search the House for dangerous persons, making use of the publick Distempers of the Times to colour their wicked design, and had by some means obtained the knowledge of some Circumstances that at first rendred what they said a little plausible to belief: But being desired to produce their Warrant, &c. they in an Hectoring manner refused, only alledged themselves to be Soldiers, and one took upon himself the quality of a Lieutenant, and commanded the rest, setting Centinels at the door, &c. In short, after some discourse, they letting in more of their Crew, declared, That it was money.

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money they wanted, and money they must have; setting Pistols to the peoples breasts, and so locked up all or the greatest part of the Family in a private Room (as they supposed), and so fell to ransack the House.

Taking away two large Silver Candle-sticks, one great Salt, two Caudle-cups, one Bason and Ewer of Silver, two other Silver Cups, a Salver, one great Tankard, one Silver Plate, a Silver Sugar-dish, a small Salt, several parcels of Silver Spoons; two Cruises (all which are since taken again); two Diamond Rings of very great value, and between fifteen and twenty pound in Money, with several other things here omitted. And 'tis probable had stoln many more, but that by good luck some of the Family so shut up as aforesaid, got out at a passage unknown to them, backwards, and crying out Thieves, startled them so, as they thought fit to go off with what they had got, rather than hazard staying for a further booty. Their flight was so manag'd, that none of them were taken, it being a pretty while before Neighbours could get round;

round, and gather together, and the people of the House get out to pursue them.

However Bills being lost at all probable places, as Goldsmiths, Brokers, &c. and a reward proposed for discovery; On Tuesday following a Woman came to a certain Broker, asking him if he would buy a quantity of Plate; to which he seeming willing, she told him the place, being the Horse-shoe Tavern in Shoe-Lane, which it seems was the Thieves Rendezvous; but the Broker having one of the before-mentioned Bills, and upon the Circumstances suspecting this might be the same Plate, like an honest man resolves to apprehend them if he could; the better to effect this, he seemed very willing to accept of the bargain, and sends in a full bag to the said place, as money to pay for it, though in truth it was only a bag filled with farthings to amuse them. In the mean time he acquaints the person rob'd, what was offer'd to be sold him, and where he was to meet them; who procuring a Justices Warrant, Lieutenant Salter a Constable living by Fleet-Bridge, went to seize them, who had with

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with him two Files of Musquetiers, and several of his own Watchmen that he sent for to assist him on that occasion. Having beset the House, and placed necessary Centinels abroad, they entered, there being at that time six of the Thieves there, each of whom had a Pistol and a Sword; but quite makes Cowards; they made some shew of resistance, for they perceived themselves discovered before the Constable came at them, and endeavoured every one to shift for himself; one leaped out of a Window into a Court backward, where being stopt by a Centinel, he run him into the body, but 'tis hoped the wound may not prove mortal; and the Thief though he had done the mischief, was taken, as was another that got out at the Balcony, and so on the Sign-post, and three more about the top of the House; but one escaped, whether over the Houses, or what other way is not known. Besides the Five Men, the before-mentioned Woman that went to the Broker was taken, who acknowledges that on Monday night they sent for her, and desired her to wish them to a Customer, which

which she did as aforesaid, and that the same is all she knows of the matter.

The Plate before recited was found in the Cellar of the said Tavern; the Five Men being examined before a Justice, were Committed to *Newgate*, and the Woman to the *Counter*.

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